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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Twining  
General Taylor  
Admiral Burke  
General White  
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Subject: Berlin Situation

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Attached hereto is a clean version of the message on this subject which you approved for clearance with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State prior to dispatch.

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References: a. JCS 951106 dtd 17 Nov 58  
b. JCS 951105 dtd 17 Nov 58  
c. EC 9-6071 dtd 15 Nov 58  
d. EC 9-6124 dtd 18 Nov 58

1. The resumption of normal military motor convoys between West Berlin and Western Germany is authorized. The use of covered versus uncovered vehicles will be determined by ordinary considerations of comfort of personnel and protection of cargo. If the Soviet authorities hold up a convoy or individual vehicles for unauthorized inspection or for any other unacceptable pretext, the convoy or vehicles will return to the starting point. They will disregard Soviet orders to remain at the inspection point unless the Soviet authorities use force to detain them. It is important to establish the fact that any detention of men and equipment is by force. For this contingency, a carefully instructed officer should accompany all convoys which may be subject to challenge.

2. If in spite of these efforts the U.S. military personnel and equipment are detained, the action of the Soviets will be promptly protested on the spot and preparations made to extricate the men and equipment by minimum military force. If these protests do not effect release of U.S. military personnel and equipment within a reasonable time, you are authorized to employ force required to extricate men and equipment.